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'S BERLIN FOR HILLENBRAND

E.O. 11652: NA

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SUBJECT: WHITE HOUSE PRESS CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 2:
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON AMBASSADORIAL CHANGES

1. FOLLOWING ARE THE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS AT THE WHITE
HOUSE PRESS CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 2 CONCERNING THE
AMBASSADORIAL CHANGES IN BONN AND MOSCOW:

BEGIN TEXT: QUESTION:WHY IS AMBASSADOR STOESSEL BEING
TAKEN OUT OF MOSCOW?

MR. NESSEN: BECAUSE IT IS ABOUT THE NORMAL ROTATION PERIOD.
AMBASSADORS NORMALLY STAY IN THE SOVIET UNION, MOSCOW,
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WHICH, AFTER ALL, IS A DIFFICULT POST, ABOUT TWO TO THREE

YEARS. THAT IS HOW LONG HE HAS BEEN THERE, ABOUT TWO AND ONE HALF YEARS. IT IS HIS NORMAL ROTATION TIME. .

QUESTION: RON, ON THIS STOESSEL THING, IT SAYS THAT HILLENBRAND IS GOING TO STAY IN BONN FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER MONTH. WILL STOESSEL BE STAYING IN MOSCOW DURING THAT TIME?

MR. NESSEN: I WILL HAVE TO CHECK THAT FOR YOU. I DON'T KNOW HIS EXACT TRAVEL PLANS.

QUESTION: WHO IS REPLACING STOESSEL?

MR. NELSON: WE DON'T HAVE A REPLACEMENT TO ANNOUNCE YET.

QUESTION: GETTING BACK TO STOESSEL, IS IT PLANNED FOR STOESSEL TO SEEK ANY MEDICAL TREATMENT PRIOR TO GOING TO WEST GERMANY, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF WEST GERMANY?

MR. NESSEN: WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

QUESTION: ANY SPECIAL MEDICAL TREATMENTS OUTSIDE THE ORDINARY PHYSICAL CHECK-UP?

MR. NESSEN: I DON'T HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE AT ALL OF HIS MEDICAL TREATMENT.

QUESTION: WILL YOU FIND OUT HOW HEALTHY HE IS?

MR. NESSEN: WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

QUESTION: WHETHER HEALTH HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH HIS TRANSFER.

MR. NESSEN: I SAID EARLIER IT DID NOT; THAT IT WAS A ROUTINE REASSIGNMENT.

QUESTION: THE RAYS THE RUSSIANS HAVE BEEN BEAMING AT THE EMBASSY IS NOT A FACTOR IN THIS REASSIGNMENT?

MR. NESSEN: THAT IS MY INFORMATION, YES.
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QUESTION: HAVE THE RAYS BEEN DIMINISHED?

MR. NESSEN: MARILYN, I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE RAYS. YOU WILL HAVE TO ASK FUNSETH. END TEXT
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